



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
PATENT EXAMINING OPERATIONS

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Applicant: RICHARD et al.  
Serial No. 10/772,705  
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Examiner: KATCHEVES, Basil S.  
Title: GUTTER CAP HAVING A UNIQUE INTERLOCKING BRACKET  
Customer No. 22474

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Charlotte, North Carolina  
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 USA

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUING EXAMINATION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of March 22, 2005, the Advisory Action of April 27, 2005, the telephonic interview of May 2, 2005, and the Advisory Action of May 5, 2005, attached is an RCE and preliminary amendment to enter for the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.